

# **H.R. 461, the Wild Game Donation Act of 2015**

## *Statements of Support*

"Every year, hunters across the U.S. take it upon themselves to donate more than 2.8 million pounds of venison to food banks and church kitchens. Yet, with nearly 400 million pounds of deer meat harvested annually, hunters have the ability to assume an even more central role in helping to solve this nation's hunger problem. We believe that the Wild Game Donation Act will encourage more hunters and processors to donate their game to charity. The Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation is proud to support this bipartisan piece of legislation." – **Jeff Crane, President of the Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation**

"On behalf of NRA's 5 million members, I would like to thank Congressman Don Young for his leadership on this vital issue. The Wild Game Donation Act will help feed hungry families throughout the United States by making it more affordable for hunters and food processors to donate meat to food-based charities. This Act recognizes that hunting is an integral part of our economy, our cultural heritage, and wildlife management. I ask you to join with the NRA in supporting the Wild Game Donation Act." – **Chris Cox, Executive Director of the National Rifle Association's Institute for Legislative Action**

"Wild game meat is an organic and sustainable source of protein that millions of Americans consume each year. Congressman Young's legislation will provide an incentive the 15 million hunters of America to make more frequent donations of wild game meat. Our program Sportsmen Against Hunger always needs more game meat donations to better serve the citizens and families of our country who will benefit from an organic source of protein." – **Joe Hosmer, SCI Foundation President**

"For the past four years, I have served as the Executive Chef for Sportsman Channel's Hunt.Fish.Feed, a program that provides high-protein, sustainable fish and game for the hungry and homeless across the U.S. Hunters are supportive of their communities and never hesitate to share their harvest with those in need. The Wild Game Donation Act will serve as a powerful incentive for outdoor enthusiasts to donate harvested game to shelters and would dramatically increase the inventory available to these beneficial organizations." - **Scott Leysath, The Sporting Chef**

"Our food banks are constantly working with donors and other partners to find nutritious food to provide our clients. Many of our food banks report that for smaller donors, it can cost them more to pack and process food for donation than it would be to just dispose of the food in a landfill. We support the Wild Game Donation Act as a common sense way to encourage more donations of nutritious food in a cost effective way for donors and for food banks." - **Bob Aiken, CEO of Feeding America**